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15. Messrs. Hindustan Feritilizers and Bone Mills, Limited, Kuppam.

16. Messrs. The National Chemicals, Limited, Masulipatam.

"(f) Fresh applications are considered in consultation with the Fertilizer Advisory Committee."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"In view of the shortage of chemical fertilizers—I understood the Hon. Minister to say that the requirements were about a hundred thousand tons against an actual import of 10,000 tons—do the Government propose to encourage the manufacture of chemical fertilizers?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Certainly, Sir; if anybody is prepared to start production Government will certainly consider the question of giving encouragement to them. As a matter of fact, the Government have taken a very large pecuniary interest in the Alwaye Fertilizer Factory."

The supply channel to Thenpattur tank.

* 128 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the supply channel to Thenpattur tank and Ayyampulli kolam in Kadayam village in Tirunelveli district is common;

(b) whether there was at any time dispute between ayacutdars under the tank and the owner of kolam regarding the supply of water;

(c) whether the dispute was settled by an award and the result of the award has been in force for some years;

(d) whether the owner of Ayyampulli kolam represented that the conditions of the award should be modified to ensure supply to his kolam;

(e) whether the Board of Revenue refused to interfere in the matter;

(f) whether the Government *suo motu* took up the enquiry;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the affirmative, what the decision of the Government is; and

(h) whether such interference by the Government is in accordance with law or precedent?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—"(a) The supply channel to the Kuttalampillaikulam and Kuttikulam tanks (whch are jointly called the Thenpatturkulam) and the Ayyampillaikulam and Inam Pallivasalkulam tanks in Therku Kadayam village, Tirunelveli district, is common.

"(b) There was a dispute between the ayacutdars of the Thenpatturkulam and of the Ayyampillaikulam tanks before the year 1874.

"(c) The dispute was settled by an award, called the Arundale Award, in 1874 and the award has been in force ever since. Under the award, 11 parts of the water flowing from the Vadakal, a branch of the Ramanadhi river were allotted for the Ayyampillaikulam and Pallivasalkulam tanks and eight parts for the Thenpatturkulam.

"(d) The ryots under the Ayyampillaikulam tank have applied for the construction of a separate channel for the specific purpose of dividing and taking off the 11 parts of the water allotted for the Ayyampillaikulam and Pallivasalkulam tanks under the Arundale Award.

"(e) No such orders were passed by the Board.

"(f) The Government have taken up the examination of the case with reference to a petition received from certain ryots under the Ayyampillaikulam tank.

"(g) & (h) The whole question including the legal aspects is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that award has been in force since 1874, what is the special reason for the Government taking up this enquiry afresh without even a reference to the Board of Revenue?"

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Evidently, Sir, the people living under either of those two tanks were on amicable terms but now they want a mechanical division of the water that flows through the canal and therefore, this trouble."

Co-operative House Construction Society.

* 129 Q.—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(a) the towns where co-operative house construction societies have been formed; and the dates of their formation;

(b) the number of houses proposed to be built by each society and the estimated cost of the houses;

(c) the number of houses in respect of which construction has begun; and

(d) the number of houses completed by each society?

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (a) Co-operative House Construction Societies have been registered at—

(1) Madras on 20th May 1947;

(2) Tanjore on 5th July 1947;

(3) Palamcottah on 24th July 1947;

(4) Tiruchirappalli on 23rd August 1947; and

(5) Madura on 31st October 1947.